



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: March 7, 2002

To: Transportation and Public Works Committee

Referral to: None

**Subject: Parking Changes involved in the Reconstruction of Central Avenue
NE from 27th Avenue NE to 37th Avenue NE**

Recommendation:

Based on direction by the City Council, the Department of Public Works proposes the following curbside changes required for the reconstruction of Central Avenue NE from 27th Avenue NE to 37th Avenue NE.

Accordingly, we recommend the following:

**ESTABLISH: No Parking, Anytime,
Westerly side of Central Avenue NE between the limits of
27th Avenue NE and 37th Avenue NE.**

**No Parking, Anytime
Easterly side of Central Avenue NE starting at the
southeasterly corner of 37th Avenue NE and thence extending
375 feet southerly.**

ESTABLISH: The following bus stop changes:

Bus stops on easterly side of Central Avenue NE:

- Remove bus stop near side 36th Avenue NE
- Remove bus stop mid block between 36th Avenue NE and 37th Avenue NE.
- Remove the bus stop located on the near side 37th Avenue NE (will be relocated in Columbia Heights Mid block between 37th Avenue NE and 38th Avenue NE).

All bus stops on the Westerly side of Central Avenue NE will be removed and replaced with new bus stop pullouts located:

- **Mid block between 27th Avenue NE and 28th Avenue NE.**
- **Far side 29th Avenue NE.**
- **Far side 30th Avenue NE.**
- **Far side 31st Avenue NE.**
- **Mid block between St. Anthony Parkway and 31st Avenue NE.**
- **Far side 33rd Avenue NE.**
- **Far side 35th Avenue NE.**
- **Near side Columbia Parkway.**

All other existing curbside conditions, including bus stops, on Central Avenue NE will remain the same.

Previous Directives: Council Action May 18, 2001

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Director of Transportation and Parking Services

Presenters in Committee: Jon Wertjes

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification – The neighborhood has been involved through the process of layout development (See information below).

Comprehensive Plan – Addresses 1.1, 1.9, 2.2, 2.3, 4.2, 4.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 7.1, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10, 8.11, 8.12

Council Members and Neighborhood Associations are in support of the Central Avenue Plan that includes these parking restrictions (see letter text below).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The purpose of this letter is to request that your Committee approve the no parking restrictions and bus stop changes required for the Central Avenue NE layout approved by City Council on May 18, 2001.

Background information: (previously stated on May 18, 2001)

- This segment was last constructed in 1957 and rehabilitated in 1972.
- The surface of this roadway is in poor condition.
- There have been flooding problems at the intersection of 34th / Central.
- The current average daily traffic is 17,800 vehicles.
- The NE Economic Development Council has a report titled "Making Central Avenue Great." The report has recommendations on how to improve Central Ave. They have requested Public Works to assist them in making this possible.

The proposed project:

- Central Avenue NE will have four moving lanes, one parking lane on the easterly side, a 12 foot landscaped median, left turn lanes, bus stops (east side) and bus pullouts (west side).
- The roadway width will remain unchanged, however the west parking lane will be eliminated to allow for a wider landscaped median and bring the traffic lanes width to current design standards.
- Landscaping will be added to the median, boulevards and along side the recreational path – this is to meet the recommendations stated in the report "Making Central Avenue Great!"
- Flood mitigation pond will be constructed on Park Board property at approximately 34th and Central Avenue NE. This is to alleviate some of the flooding problems.
- Public Works staff has worked with Council Member Ostrow, Council Member Biernat, Waite Park, Audobon Park, Columbia Park and Holland neighborhoods, as well as the Central Avenue Taskforce committee to complete the proposed layout. Audobon Neighborhood Association and Waite Park Community Council have given their approval of the project.
- Permanent and temporary street and construction easements are needed for property adjacent to Central Avenue NE. These easements are necessary for sidewalk, bike trail and bus lane realignment in accordance with the design plan developed by Public Works. The cost for acquisition of the easements is contained in the overall project development funding.

Scheduling, Costs and Funding

- The construction of this project is scheduled for 2002.
- The estimated cost for the Central Avenue NE project is \$10,329,000.

Attachment: May 18th 2001 City Council Action

cc: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ward 1
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